

## BRANCHES MUST GO.

Short Lines of the Santa Fe to Be Lopped

## TO SAVE THE ROAD FROM SALE

At Auction—The Atlantic & Pacific Road Is the Hardest Nut to Crack.

The members of the Santa Fe general reorganization committee are trying to find some way to get the property into shape for a reorganization and if the lopping off process, which was started the other day in regard to the poor paying branch lines, is continued, they will soon be in shape to reorganize and the road will not be sold at auction.

A gentleman, who is high in authority in Santa Fe affairs, said to a *Star* Journal reporter today: "The receivers are working hard to get the property into good shape, and it is understood in the inner circles that they will soon file petitions with the federal court to annul the contracts between the Santa Fe and the Chicago & Northwestern, running from Chicago to Rock Island, during the war. Leavenworth, was in Topeka today on business."

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**COMING FOR CHRISTMAS.**

Topeka People In the City of Mexico will Visit Here.

A lot of the Topeka people who are now at the City of Mexico will likely be here to spend the holidays. General Manager H. R. Nickerson of the Mexican Central and his wife will be in Topeka for Christmas. So will President A. A. Robinson of the same road.

F. B. McKeen, who has recently been made car service superintendent of the Central, will probably come as far as Peabody where his family is, and may visit Topeka at the same time.

Mr. Allen will come to Topeka before returning to Chicago.

Traffic is light at present in all branches, save possibly poultry. Fresh meat shipments from Wichita also show a big increase.

General Attorney Sedgwick and Solicitor David Norton, of the Missouri Pacific, called at the Rock Island offices yesterday afternoon.

Frank Guernsey, stenographer in the Rock Island freight department, with Mrs. Guernsey, left today for San Francisco on a vacation. Miss Russell Hilt, daughter of J. J. Hilt, is doing his work.

Assistant Freight Agent Granville A. Kimball returned today from Omaha, where he attended a meeting of the sub-committee of the Trans-Missouri Freight association.

Mrs. C. N. Best and family left over the Rock Island today for Bakersfield, Cal., to remain.

John Fox, the Rock Island agent at Hutchinson, was in Topeka today. He has received a few weeks lay-off and is going to visit his relatives. Fox is one of the oldest employees of the Rock Island, having been in its employ twenty-eight years. He used to smash baggage when the Rock Island was known as the Chicago & Northwestern, running from Chicago to Rock Island, during the war.

John Kelly, a heavy shipper from Leavenworth, was in Topeka today on business.

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## NEW STEEL TRACK.

The Santa Fe Improves Its Cardboard Branch With New Steel.

The Santa Fe today finished the laying of its new steel track between Topeka and Cardboard. There is seven miles of it, and the rails used are 66-pound ones with heat improved joints. Thirteen miles of the same track has also been put down on the middle division west of Hutchinson.

**Oklahoma's Expectations.**

The Santa Fe receivers are not building any new road, but it is whispered down in Oklahoma that some Santa Fe men are about to build a new line of road from Hunnewell, Kansas, across Oklahoma, to Purcell, Indian Territory.

**PARKHURST'S SUGGESTION**

A House for City Vigilance League the Best Testimonial to Him.

New York, Dec. 15.—A letter signed by Bishop Potter, Cornelius Vanderbilt, J. Pierpont Morgan, Seth Low, Mayor-elect Strong, Abram S. Hewitt, John W. Goff, Everett P. Wheeler, R. W. Gilder and others was recently sent to Dr. Parkhurst, asking him to indicate in what way they could show their gratitude for what they regard as the great service he has done the city.

In reply, Dr. Parkhurst says that any testimonial to him would have to take a shape that would not even be suggestive of personal enrichment of himself.

After extolling the City Vigilance league, he adds:

"This league needs a local habitation, and a central place of meeting, sufficiently commodious to meet the growing requirements of its multiplying membership and enlarging interests."

"The above is of course submitted to you only as a suggestion, to be accepted or rejected according to the promptings of your larger and your combined wisdom."

The writers of the letter now appeal to citizens generally to chip in to carry out Dr. Parkhurst's suggestion.

**KANSAS AVENUE GLIMPSES.**

Judge Foster gives \$5 per month to the Associated Charities.

Work has been obtained for over sixty persons at Mrs. Thorpe's office since November 1.

Rev. Mr. Hinderman of St. Joseph, has left his pulpit and is selling electric belts in Topeka.

Tom Anderson, editor of the *Indianapolis Herald*, is in town visiting W. O. Anderson of Potwin.

L. H. Pounds, formerly of Topeka, but now of New York city, will be here in a day or two to stay a week.

D. L. Heath, sheriff of Kinsley, was in Topeka yesterday with a crazy man whom he took to the asylum.

Mrs. Thorpe knows of a cheerful old man who would like to earn his board by doing chores for someone this winter.

The police of Topeka have arrested thirty more women in the past year than have the police of Kansas City, Kansas.

Landlord Moss of the Fifth Avenue says the hotel business in Topeka is increasing every year. Topeka is a good town to come to.

The Y. M. C. A. talks of putting in a barber shop in connection with its bath room. Of course it will be for the use of the members only.

E. McCullum is one of the most accommodating landlords of Kansas. The National, under his management is a "good place to stop" and to stay.

Alexander Sarbach, Thomas Quackenbush, J. F. Naylor, Moses Sarbach and Ed R. Jones of Holton were in Topeka to attend the reunion at Silem lodge A. F. & A. M.

"Jimmie" Green (as all his law students fondly call him) of Lawrence, dean of the university law department, was in Topeka yesterday. He is interested in the Hullman case.

The Woman's Reformatory committee and the Social Purity league are two entirely different organizations. It was the work of the former that was endorsed by the itinerant's club.

Jim Williams is a vagrant. He was proved one in police court this morning and the judge made his fine \$35 with a suspension of sentence of twelve hours duration. Jim has changed his residence.

Sam Cashman was in town yesterday looking fat and happy. He was formerly with the Steinberg Clothing company, but is now traveling for Hart Bros. of Chicago. He covers Kansas and Oklahoma.

C. B. Haynes, the man who was robbed of \$120 and \$110 in checks in the Rock Island yard Monday night, will be back to Topeka to stay all winter in January. He will bring his horses and has rented a stable of Chief Lindsey on Madison street.

Ed. R. Jones of Holton was in town yesterday and says his town is enjoying a quiet boom. Thirteen new business rooms and lots of residences have been built there this summer. Mr. Jones adds that Holton has a drug store that Topeka can't equal.

Americans are growing more athletic by using good food. Dr. Price's Baking Powder makes the best.

**SHOREY ITEMS.**

School closed last Monday on account of scarlet fever.

Mr. Finley will go to McFarland for a few days.

O. Bradford is improving slowly.

R. Nesbit is expecting his mother soon from Chicago to make him a visit.

G. Bette and family have decided to make Shorey their home.

The Choral society, with Prof. Tracy as leader, is making rapid progress.

## NO ACTION ON WATER.

The Committee of the Council Not Ready to Report on Water.

The city council met last night for the purpose of considering an ordinance or some measure to secure lower water rates in the city.

The committee on sewers and water works was expected to report a feasible plan for relief, but Councilman Pattison, who is chairman of the committee said that the question was entirely too comprehensive to be solved hastily and asked more time.

The council granted the time asked but the committee was notified that if it did not act before the next meeting there would be no more peace on this earth for its members.

P. G. Hentig was present and delivered a few blows straight from the shoulder right in the face of the waterworks company.

No wrinkles on the brow of the housewife who uses Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

**SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.**

H. R. Hilton is in Osage county.

The Topeka foot ball players have had their hair cut.

"Johnnie" Collingsworth is in St. Joe doing business.

It is said Topeka is soon to have another chicken fight.

The United States circuit court will adjourn next Tuesday.

The juries in the United States courts have been discharged.

The Leavenworth Coal company case has been submitted to Judge Hines.

There was a big ring around the moon last night and there were no stars in it.

O. W. Blood, who has been quite sick for a month with pneumonia, is much better.

John L. Guy, of Topeka, wants Ed Hoch to be the next United States senator.

Amateur shows are about the proper thing in Topeka at present. The other kind is so scarce.

The headquarters of the State Horticultural society are to be moved from Lawrence to Topeka.

The next annual meeting of the State Grange will be held in Topeka. It met at McLaughlin this week.

A rebusmission paper is to be started next week and a new drug store has already opened its doors.

D. M. Houghtell, of North Topeka, has been elected president of the Biblical society at Baker University.

Half a dozen Rock Island officials here and elsewhere will go on a hunting trip into Texas next month.

Miss Nina Morgan, one of the Morgan sisters, is the author of a book. It is a story called "Dreamland."

The Saturday Night club meets tonight in Justice Parry's office. Charles F. Spencer will read a paper.

Ed Hoch was shown through the new high school building by A. B. Quinton the last time he was in Topeka.

Albert Earnest says he will vote the Republican ticket at the city election in the spring if the right nominations are made.

The Social Purity league is very happy over the decision in the London case. It has five other similar cases that it will spring soon.

Henry Strawn, formerly a Topeka horseman, has gone to Dallas, Texas, where he will have charge of a string of famous flyers.

A man who is delivering anti-Catholic lectures in Topeka says the world's fair was a failure because it advertised the Catholic church.

Several officers of the Kansas National Guard will go down to Lawrence to witness the inspection of the only cavalry troop in the state tonight.

Mark Miller has made a donation of Confederate bonds to the amount of \$1,000 with forty \$20 coupons attached, to the State Historical society.

Harry Larimer told the young ladies of the Y. M. C. A. about Whittier last night. Next week he will tell them what he knows about Longfellow.

Cliff Holbert brought his broad smile over from Atchison yesterday. Cliff says he is working for himself now and can't run around as much as he used to.

Judge Riner has denied the application of the Missouri Pacific for a new trial in the case of George Menn who was awarded \$5,000 damages for personal injuries.

The Missouri & Kansas Telephone company will put in a new magneto transmitter telephone at Leavenworth which will do the "business" and will cost but \$10 a year.

A man who has just returned from Chicago says the latest slang expression there is "Oh dear no," which for the proper effect should be said in a high, feminine tone.

"Mamie, Come Kiss Your Honey Boy," may be a foolish song, but as sung by the minstrels last night it is a most "taking" melody. It was far the best song in the whole show.

A Topeka offender says his idea of trouble would be to be "charged" with an offense before Justice C. P. Bolmar, with Rev. C. M. Sheldon on the jury and W. E. Don to defend him.

Miss Bessie Boughton is assisting in the Latin work at the high school, Miss Harriet Williams having been called to her home at Lawrence by the serious sickness of her mother.

## BEATEN AGAIN.

A Chinese Force of 4,000 Defeated by Japanese.

Gen. Tachimi Holds Chinese Back at Lien Chan Kwan.

READY TO STEP IN.

Japan Has a Fully Manned Civil Service Arranged.

She is Ready to Profit by the First Anarchy.

HIROSHIMA, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Antong dated December 13, says that Gen. Tachimi's troops were encamped at So Koko, and were holding the Chinese in check at Lien Chan Kwan.

On December 12, the dispatch adds, the Chinese were compelled by an inferior Japanese force to retire from Sallashu, the Chinese numbering 4,000. The latter advanced on the following day, when fighting occurred, the result of which was not made known.

London, Dec. 15.—The special correspondent of the Times at Japanese headquarters says that Japan has arranged a fully manned civil service down to the minutest detail, ready to step into and administer to North China and ply the treaty ports at the first sign of disorder or anarchy.

Bird cages, until Christmas, at less than cost. Griggs & Axtell, 208 West Sixth.

Gold coin on all our stoves cheap for cash at Griggs & Axtell's.

Pocket knives for boys and scissors for girls at Griggs & Axtell's cheap.

We want you to know that we are selling good goods cheap at 308 West Sixth street. Who? Griggs & Axtell.

**TODAY'S MARKET REPORT.**

Furnished by the Associated Press to the State Journal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Wheat opened steady on better cables than expected at 83½¢ for May, a shade under yesterday's close, advanced 1¢ more and on increase in stocks in the northwest weakened to 83½¢.

Corn was dull. May opened 1¢ lower at 49½¢ and advanced to 49½¢, later receding to the opening price.

Oats opened a shade lower at 32½¢ and declined to 32½¢.

Provisions were in light demand. May pork started 12½¢ lower at \$12.12½, and sold off to \$12.05.

May lard opened 5¢ lower at \$7.10 and declined to \$7.05.

Estimates for Monday—Wheat 75 cars; corn 80 cars; oats 114 cars; hogs 47,000 head; hogs next week 210,000.

WHEAT—Cash and Dec. 84½¢; May, 87½¢; July, 89½¢.

CORN—Cash and Dec. 47½¢; Jan. 47½¢; May, 50½¢; July 50.

OATS—Cash and Dec. 29½¢; Jan. 29½¢; May, 32½¢ bid.

PORK—Dec. and Jan. \$11.77½; May \$12.10.

LARD—Dec. \$6.80; Jan. \$6.85; May, \$7.05.

FLAX—Dec. and Jan. \$5.85; May, \$6.10.

BARLEY—Choice 58; medium 52; common 47½¢.

RYE—Cash and Dec. 48½¢; May 52½¢.

FLAXED—Cash \$1.46; Dec. \$1.48; May \$1.45½.

Timothy—Cash at \$5.55.

Hogs—Receipts today, 24,000; official receipts yesterday 26,000; shipments 6,950; left over about 6,000. Quality reasonable. Market moderately active but weak and prices 5 cents lower. Sales ranged at \$3.85-\$4.35 for light; \$4.00-\$4.40 for medium; \$4.40-\$4.60 for heavy; packing and shipping lots, and \$2.30-\$4.05 for pigs.

CATTLE—Receipts, 1,000; market steady and firm but dull.

**Kansas City Market.**

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15.—CATTLE—Receipts, 3,100; shipments, 3,400. Market steady. Texas steers \$2.50-\$3.50; Texas cows \$3.10-\$4.20; beef steers, \$3.60-\$5.00; native cows, \$1.00-\$3.50; stockers and feeders \$2.25-\$3.75; bulls \$1.80-\$3.00.

HOGS—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, 1,700. Market weak to 10¢ lower. Bulk of sales, \$4.10-\$4.35; heavies, \$4.15-\$4.40; packers